



International conference on

Current Security Threats

The conference focusing on selected military, security, and foreign policy issues takes place under the auspices of MP Pavel Žáček, Ph.D.

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Schedule 21. 10. 2019

9.00 am. – Security and Foreign Policy Aspects of Current Threats

James Van de Velde, USA: *‘War in Peace’: How States Today Fight in Peacetime, Below the Level of Armed Conflict*

Li-Chiang Yuan, Republic of China - Taiwan: *How Does China Influence the World?*

Michal Koudelka, Security Information Service (BIS), Czech Republic: *Current Threats*

10.45 am. – Hybrid and Information Warfare

Jan Beroun, Military Intelligence (VZ), Czech Republic: *Hybrid Warfare – Old Method with a New Face*

Pasi Eronen, Finland: *Day after Hybrid Conflict – What Happens after a Successful Application of a Hybrid Warfare Toolkit?*

Sergei Penchuk, Comsec, Chief Technology Officer, Israel: *Cyber Defense by Offense*

Ondřej Rojčík, National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB), Czech Republic: *State-sponsored Cyber Attacks: Here to Remain*

Benedikt Vangeli, Centre Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats, Ministry of the Interior, Czech Republic: *Current Issues from the Field of Hybrid Threats from the Perspective of the Ministry of the Interior*

14.30 pm. – Security and Military Aspects of Current Threats

Marek Šimandl, Office for Foreign Relations and Information (ÚZSI), Czech Republic

Jiří Mazánek, National Centre against Organized Crime (NCOZ), Czech Republic: *Influence of post-Soviet Criminal Structures on the Security of the Czech Republic and the Current State of Money Laundering by Criminal Groups*

Tomáš Pojar, CEVRO Institut Czech Republic: *Consequences of Czech Armed Forces’ Acquisition Processes in a Broader Context: Missed Opportunities and Wasted Money v. Strengthened Security and Prosperity*



James Van de Velde, Ph.D. (b. 1960)

Security and Foreign Policy Aspects of Current Threats

Mr. James Van de Velde, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the National Intelligence University, where he teaches courses on Cyber Warfare, WMD-Terrorism, and Intelligence Collection and Analysis. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown Security Studies Program, School of Foreign Service, and Adjunct Faculty in the Global Security Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Van de Velde is a Lead Associate for the consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton, where he currently consults to the J5 (Strategy) Division of US Cyber Command. He is a former White House Appointee under President George H. W. Bush Sr., for nuclear weapons arms control; a former Lecturer of Political Science and Residential College Dean at Yale University; State Department Foreign Service Officer; and naval intelligence reserve officer.

Dr. Van de Velde is an Associate Member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and has held fellowships at the Center for International Security and Arms Control at Stanford University and the US-Japan Program at Harvard University. Dr. Van de Velde received his B.A. from Yale University in 1982 and his Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1988.



Col. Li-Chiang Yuan

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Li-Chiang Yuan is Republic of China (Taiwan) Air Force colonel currently serving in London as an assistant director (de facto Defence Attache) at the Taipei Representative Office in the UK. Before he came to UK, he was an assistant professor in the Graduate Institute of Strategic Studies (GISS) and a strategic instructor at the ROC National Defense University (NDU). He graduated from ROC Air Force Academy, received a Master in Transportation from Iowa State University and PhD in War Studies from King's College London. He has a diversified military career, including services in the Air Force Academy, National Defense University, Office of the Deputy Chief of General Staff for Intelligence, Air Combat Command and Combined Logistics Command. His research interests focus on regional security, defence policy, defence reform and transformation, Chinese hybrid warfare and influence operation, and military personnel recruitment.



Col. Ing. Michal Koudelka (b. 1965)

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Colonel Michal Koudelka has been the Director of the Security Information Service (BIS) since 2016, where he has served as the Director of the Counterespionage since 2006. He has served in the intelligence service since April 1992, when he joined the Federal Security Information Service.



Brig. Gen. Ing. Jan Beroun (b. 1962)

Hybrid and Information Warfare

Brigadier General Jan Beroun has been serving as the Director of the Military Intelligence since 2014. Between 2011 and 2014, he was the director and managing director of PINKERTON CR. From 2004 to 2008, he worked as the Deputy Director of the Office for Foreign Relations and Information (ÚZSI). Prior to that, he served at the Police of the Czech Republic where he participated, among other things, in the establishment of a police witness protection unit.



Pasi Eronen (b. 1962)

Hybrid and Information Warfare

Mr. Pasi Eronen is a non-resident analyst at Conflict Studies Research Centre. In his research and analysis work, he has focused on non-conventional adversarial strategies, also known as hybrid influencing and warfare. His additional fields of expertise include cybersecurity, information warfare, and influence operations.

Several national and international media outlets have featured Eronen's policy work, insights, and commentary, including for example CNN, The Wall Street Journal, and Bloomberg. He also has got an extensive public speaking experience ranging from local and regional events to major international conferences.

Outside of the research context, Eronen's professional career includes working for the Finnish defense establishment and governmental organizations dedicated to comprehensive security and countering hybrid threats. He is a Finnish Defence Forces reserve officer, and he has served in crisis management missions both with the EU and NATO. Mr. Eronen earned a master's degree in Security Studies from Georgetown University in the USA, and a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Joensuu in Finland.

**Sergei Penchuk (b. 1986)***Hybrid and Information Warfare*

Senior cyber security professional with over 13 years of experience in the field of Information Technology and an alumni of the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) Cyber Unit. Sergei Penchuk has a vast theoretical and hands-on experience with network and infrastructure, engineering, software development, SIEM and SOC establishment, Incident Response, Blockchain Security, and more. Mr. Penchuk works as a trusted advisor, assists a diverse range of clients, from financial giants to young startups, to improve their security posture while enabling their business to reach its desired goals.

**Mgr. Ondřej Rojčík, Ph.D. (b. 1979)***Hybrid and Information Warfare*

Ondřej Rojčík is a Director of the Strategic Information and Analysis Department at the National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB). He is responsible for collecting open source information and analyzing the political, security and economic context of cyber threats, trends and incidents. He has been working on security issues analysis for more than thirteen years. Prior to joining NÚKIB, he dealt with these issues at NATO Headquarters and at the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. Ondřej Rojčík studied Security Studies (MSc) at University College London and International Relations (Ph. D., Mgr.) at Masaryk University, Brno.

**JUDr. Benedikt Vangeli (b. 1980)***Hybrid and Information Warfare*

Benedikt Vangeli is an expert in the field of security law. He has devoted himself to the issue of internal security throughout his professional life. Since 2017, Dr. Vangeli has been the head of the Centre Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats of the Ministry of the Interior. This specific unit deals with national security threats in the area of internal security comprehensively, especially in a hybrid context. It analyzes their effects, proposes measures to eliminate them and communicates them with the public. The Centre focuses on (especially hybrid) threats falling within the remit of the Ministry of the Interior, such as terrorism, attacks on soft targets, radicalization to violence, security aspects of migration, or disinformation campaigns related to the internal security of the state.



Mgr. Marek Šimandl, MPA (b. 1970)

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Since September 2018, Marek Šimandl has been the Director of the Office for Foreign Relations and Information (ÚZSI). Between 2017 and 2018 he has served as the Deputy of the National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB), before working at the National Security Authority (NBÚ) and the Security Information Service (BIS). He studied Law at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen and Security and Crisis Management at the CEVRO Institute.



Col. JUDr. Jiří Mazánek (b. 1976)

Security and Military Aspects of Current Threats

Since September 2018, Colonel Jiří Mazánek has been the Director of the National Centre against Organized Crime of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service of the Police of the Czech Republic (NCOZ SKPV). Prior to that, he was the Director of the Serious Economic Crime and Corruption Section at NCOZ, served at the Corruption and Financial Crime Unit of the SKPV, and at the Regional Police Directorate of the Capital of Prague – the Criminal Police and Investigation Service and the Office of Investigation of the Capital of Prague. In 2014, he was awarded as the Police Officer of the Year 2013.



Tomáš Pojar, M.A. (b. 1973)

Security and Military Aspects of Current Threats

Tomáš Pojar is the Vice-Rector of the CEVRO Institute for Foreign Relations and Further Education. From 2010 to 2014, he was the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel, between 2006 and 2010, he was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for security affairs, EU affairs and bilateral relations with European states. Prior to that, he was the Director of the People in Need for 10 years. Tomáš Pojar graduated from the FSV UK in Prague, also studied at IDC Herzliya.